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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR  
RATITES (OSTRICHES) EXPORTED FROM  
THE UNITED STATES

Ostriches must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the ostriches to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. Prior to exportation, the ostriches were found to be clinically healthy and free of ectoparasites.  
*La inspeccion previa a la exportacion, las avestruces se encontraron sanas y libres de ectoparasitos.*
2. The ostriches originate from the United States and come from authorized farms.  
*Las avestruces son originarias de los Estados Unidos de America y provienen de criaderos aprobados.*
3. During the 90 days prior to embarkation, no outbreaks of infectious diseases have been reported to occur either on the farm of origin or in the surrounding region.  
*Tanto en el criadero como en la region de origin, no se han presentado brotes de enfermedades infecciosas en un periodo de 90 dias previos al embarque.*
4. The ostriches are free of velogenic Newcastle disease.  
*Las aves se encuentran libres de la enfermedad de Newcastle de presentacion velogenica.*
5. The ostriches originated from either hatcheries, farms or flocks, states, regions, or a country where during the 12 months prior to shipment, there has been no known evidence, either serological or clinical, or detection by virus isolation, of avian influenza.  
*Las avestruces proceden de una planta incubadora o granja, estado, region o pais, donde no se ha detectado evidencia clinica, serologica o aislamiento viral de la influenza aviar durante los doce meses previos al embarque.*
6. The ostriches originated from either regions, countries, States, flocks, or hatcheries free of avian salmonellosis (*Salmonella pullorum*, *S. gallinarum*).  
*Las avestruces proceden de un pais, estado, region o granja productora y/o planta incubadora libre de salmonelosis aviar (Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum).*

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The birds for export were tested with negative results for the following diseases within 30 days of export:

1. Avian influenza: Agar gel precipitin test.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
2. The birds should not be vaccinated against AI.
3. Upon entry, the birds will be inspected by a Federal veterinarian of the Government of Mexico.
4. Feed and bedding are not permitted to accompany the birds.
5. The birds will be quarantined at the farm of destination (which has received prior approval by the veterinary authorities in Mexico) for 30 days. During said period the birds will be under the supervision of veterinary officials. Should a bird become ill or die, diagnostic and pathologic examinations will be conducted to determine the possible cause of the problem. All laboratory expenses incurred will be paid by the importing party.
6. If the species is under the control of Mexican Fish and Wildlife Authorities, such authorities will determine the total number of birds allowed for entry.